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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
AND ADDICTION SERVICES' RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING
TRANSFER OF A PATIENT UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE
PSYCHIATRIC SECURITY REVIEW BOARD FOR TREATMENT OR
RECOVERY.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 17a-599 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

3 (a) At any time the court or the board determines that the acquittee
4 is a person who should be confined, it shall make a further
5 determination of whether the acquittee is so violent as to require
6 confinement under conditions of maximum security. Any acquittee
7 found so violent as to require confinement under conditions of
8 maximum security shall not be confined in any hospital for psychiatric
9 disabilities or placed with the Commissioner of Developmental
10 Services unless such hospital or said commissioner has the trained and
11 equipped staff, facilities or security to accommodate such acquittee.

12 (b) The Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services

13 may transfer any acquitee who requires (1) confinement under
14 conditions of maximum security pursuant to subsection (a) of this
15 section, and (2) medical treatment that is unavailable in the maximum
16 security environment or would constitute a safety hazard to the
17 acquitee or others due to the use of certain medical equipment or
18 material, to a facility that can provide such medical treatment,
19 provided (A) the commissioner ensures that the conditions of custody
20 of the acquitee at such facility are and remain equivalent to conditions
21 of maximum security, (B) the commissioner provides immediate
22 written justification to the board upon such transfer, and (C) transfer of
23 the acquitee back to the maximum security setting occurs upon
24 completion of the medical treatment.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	17a-599
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Statement of Purpose:

To implement the recommendations of the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to allow it to transfer a patient under the jurisdiction of the Psychiatric Security Review Board temporarily to a hospital or less secure environment while they are being treated for or recovering from a serious medical condition.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]